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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121 AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, Applicant(s) hereby elect the species of claims 1-25 for further substantive examination in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2-9, 11-16 and 27-35 as follows:

5102 2. {ONCE AMENDED} The product of claim 1, wherein the sizing agent is alkenyl succinic anhydride.

3. {ONCE AMENDED} The product of claim 2, wherein the sizing agent has a dry basis add-on rate of from about 0.15% to about 0.4%.

4. {ONCE AMENDED} The product of claim 2, wherein the sizing agent has a dry basis add-on rate of from about 0.2% to about 0.3%.